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Postal Regulatory Commission,

This is an addendum to the attached letter that was sent to the PRC on 06/30/2022. The Addendum input was unable to be made by the *July 31st, 2022 request for Stakeholder Input* because it was published on August 11, 2022.

Below is another example of a USPS rate change where there is NO "FINAL" DOCUMENTATION or PRICING:

The PRC will review the proposed prices before they are scheduled to take effect Oct. 2. Complete USPS price filings, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website's Daily Listings section at prc.gov/dockets/daily. Price change tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.

These changes as of 08/11/2022, LESS THAN 60-DAYS from the 10/02/2022 required implementation date is unacceptable and unsustainable. This erodes customer confidence with the numerous issues related to not having FINAL Price Files, SKU Price and Postage Statements, AND any possible impact on presorts or labeling lists.

The USPS knows of these changes earlier in the year. They know that there are many changes coming and most likely have this information internally. Why they only allow industry less than 60-days to implement, regressive test, release to industry, for industry to install and test and then move into production makes no sense. We are requesting action on this. We don't mind the changes. What is critical is that we are allowed ample time. 60-days to have FINAL Price Files, SKU Price and Postage Statements, AND any possible impact on presorts or labeling lists is the minimum that vendors are requesting.

Time Limited Price Change

Starting October 2, 2022 Through January 21, 2023

	Status	Revised
Prices		
October 2022 Price File - Excel	Proposed	08/11/2022
October 2022 Price Files - CSV	Proposed	08/11/2022
Notice 123		
October 2022 - Notice123 PDF	Proposed	08/11/2022
USPS SKU Price Files		
October 2022 - SKU Price Files - Excel	Proposed	08/11/2022
October 2022 - SKU Price Files - Pipe-Delimited	Proposed	08/11/2022
Automated Price Files (APF)		
October 2022 - APF Postage	Proposed	08/11/2022
October 2022 - APF Service	Proposed	08/11/2022

Please advise on if action will be taken. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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This letter is in response to the request by the Postal Regulatory Commission asking for comments about how the current ratesetting process should be changed. AccuZIP, Inc. hereby formally requests that with the increase in frequency of USPS® Rate Changes, that the USPS provide Software Vendors increased notice of the FINAL Mailing Statements and Rules. For example, vendors had less than 30 days' notice from the FINAL documents for the July 2022 rate changes, i.e., prices, SKU price files, postal forms, including the **Federal Register** / Vol. 87, No. 113 / Monday, June 13, 2022 / Rules and Regulations, etc... to make our changes, build the new releases, and distribute to our customers. Many MSP's prepare mail 30-days or more in advance and need our updates earlier. The need for more advanced FINAL information is evident in the latest MSDG Meeting Agenda item that reads, "What is the plan for mailers submitting with software that has not yet caught these changes?"

As a CASS™ and PAVE™ GOLD certified vendor, we pride ourselves on providing our customers accurate rate calculations, prices, SKUs and postal documentation. The current 30-day timeframe does not allow for adequate programming and Q&A testing given the frequency of rate changes. This has put an unreasonable burden on our development teams and support staff and jeopardizes the quality of our products, services, and brand. The short-timeline for FINAL release of the above assets creates potential liability with SLA's and consumer confidence because of numerous updates with unnecessary patches related to the short timeline and limited QA and regressive testing.

We request to have a minimum of 60-days from the FINAL release of the documents to make our changes.

Sample of inadequate 30-day
Notice window currently
provided:

July 2022 Price Change		
Starting July 10, 2022		
	Status	Revised
Prices		
July 2022 Price File - Excel	Final	06/09/2022
July 2022 Price Files - CSV	Final	06/09/2022
July 2022 Price Files Change Log		05/13/2022
Notice 123		
July 2022 - Notice123 PDF	Final	06/09/2022
USPS SKU Price Files		
July 2022 - SKU Price Files - Excel	Final	06/14/2022
July 2022 - SKU Price Files - Pipe-Delimited	Final	06/14/2022
SKU Delta Report		
July 2022 SKU Delta Report	Final	06/14/2022
Automated Price Files (APF)		
July 2022 - APF Postage	Final	06/09/2022
July 2022 - APF Service	Final	06/09/2022

Please send questions or comments to steve@accuzip.com cc: kristen@accuzip.com

Sincerely,

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